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SPARK OF LEARNING. Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, the dynamic university president and dedicated educator, ignites the flame of inspiration in a pre-service teacher's heart during their candle-lighting ceremony, passing on the enduring brilliance of knowledge and the transformative power of learning.

All set for teaching internship journey CatSU-COED celebrates Pinning, Torch Lighting Ceremony for pre-service teachers

Mack Neil T. Vital and Albert G. Clemente

With flickering hope and enthusiasm, hundreds of pre-service teachers marched together with their parents and guardians on Wednesday, January 31, to celebrate their 5th Pinning and Torch Lighting Ceremony, marking the start of their teaching internship journey.

With the theme "Seedbed of Globally Competitive Future Educators," College of Education (COEd) Dean Dr. Maria Sheila R. Gregorio, applauded the dedication and perseverance of the pre-service teachers,

including their parents, for reaching this milestone.

"I am grateful that you have chosen to be our next generation of teachers because those seven semesters are no joke. You persevered to withstand the weakening of academics despite the [many] adversities and difficulties in this competitive education, and you made it this far with your parents," she exclaimed.

"To our pre-service teachers, continue to grow, learn, and lead. You are not just the future; you are

the present, making a difference today that will reverberate across generations," Dr. Gregorio concluded.

Unfolding the reality in the teaching profession, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza expressed that the teaching profession requires 'sacrifice' as difficulties co-existed in the profession.

"Minsan malakaw kamo sa baha, minsan may bagyo, maamay na mamata, all the sacrifices, even stories of teachers crossing

rivers and climbing mountains whenever they are assigned to far-flung areas just to deliver the services to our children," he told the future educators as they convened inside the university gymnasium.

"Ang pagiging maestro buda maestra maagi sa pagsakripisyo," he implored.

Echoing similar sentiment from an official of the education department, Schools Division Superintendent of Catanduanes Socorro V. Dela Rosa, CESO

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Anjo G. Tugay

College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS) faculty Mr. Santos G. Sorra Jr. and College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) faculty Mr. John Edmund P. Manlagnit were selected to attend the World Youth Festival (WYF) 2024 on March 1-7, 2024 at Sirius Federal Territory, Russia.

Both faculty members from Catanduanes State University (CatSU) are designated College Coordinators of the Center for International Relations and Continuing Professional Development Services (CIRCPDS), and they will also be representing the University's internationalization efforts during said event.

Selected among the 20,000 from over 309 thousand applications from 188 countries, Sorra and Manlagnit expressed their optimism regarding the event's potential key takeaways, emphasizing their motivation to actively participate in discussions.

When asked about their expectations from their involvement in the festival and how they intend to utilize the insights gained, Sorra highlighted the significance of establishing

networks with fellow youth from various countries and organizations.

"We hope to establish networks with like-minded youths representing their countries, organization, and universities. This will provide a stepping stone for the university towards our aim for internationalization," Sorra stated.

Similarly, Manlagnit drew upon his past experiences in international conferences to underline the importance of such platforms in addressing global challenges.

"My attendance to several international youth fora in Russia and Egypt shed some light to help solve some of the pressing issues here in the Philippines, particularly in Catanduanes. These platforms help me become adept with how youth can present innovative solutions to societal problems," Manlagnit explained.

The two faculty members were also selected to participate in the Youth Regional Program scheduled for March 10 - 17, hosted by the same country. They have successfully advanced through qualification processes and secured spots among the 2



RUSSIA-BOUND. Before their departure for World Youth Festival in Russia, the two CatSU faculty, Santos G. Sorra (left) and John Edmund Manlagnit (right), pay a courtesy visit with CatSU president Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza.

thousand selected participants from a pool of 20 thousand aspiring candidates.

The WYF, a fully-funded event of the Russian Federation, serves as a platform uniting young leaders, professionals, and activists worldwide to exchange ideas, share experiences,

and collaborate on initiatives addressing global challenges, aligning with the University's efforts, under the leadership of the University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, toward youth development and promoting international cooperation.

'Assert what rightfully belongs to us' - EVP Barba on abaca research pursuits

Anjo G. Tugay

Executive Vice President Dr. Roberto B. Barba Jr. pinned on the significance of prioritizing abaca research efforts while maintaining a diligent work ethic, to over 70 student researchers and faculty members from Catanduanes State University Main and Panganiban campuses, on February 6 at the E-Crown Hotel and Resort.

"For our Abaca, let's dedicate all our efforts and assert

what rightfully belongs to us. Despite the long journey ahead with our proposals, may you find enjoyment in this process," the Executive Vice President said.

His remarks came on the second day of the five-day seminar-workshop workshop focusing on crafting proposals for Abaca Niche Centers in the region (NICER) and hands-on technology transfer for abaca good agricultural practices.

Meanwhile, Career Scientist and RD Leader Dr. Leny C. Galvez discussed effective writing strategies for writing proposals and the common pitfalls to avoid while developing a logical framework.

Dr. Galvez also announced that 50 research proposals were submitted during the first day and are open for refinement and assessment throughout the duration of the event.

The university expresses its sincere appreciation to Hon. Rommel R. Serrano, CatSU Regent and Director of DOST-ROV, for his generous backing of the ATIC's initiatives.

CHED reg'l director on Culture, Arts Fest opening ceremony: Gateway for strenghtening a network of artists in Bicol

Albert G. Clemente

'Culture and arts fest serves as a gateway for strengthening a network of artists in our region to showcase our artistic prowess and manifest collaboration.'

Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Bicol Regional Director Atty. Septon A. De La Cruz, CESO III, expressed this to hundreds of Bicolano tertiary students who joined the Bicol SUC Culture and Arts Festival 2024 opening ceremony on Tuesday, February 6, at the entrance pavilion of Camarines Norte State College (CNCS).

As the event took place in February, celebrating National Arts Month and Valentine's Day, the CHED regional director greeted the participants in different ways: 'Happy Heart's Day' to those in a relationship, and 'Happy Arts Month' to all singles.

Adopting the theme 'Unity through Culture and the Arts in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) for Bicol Regional Development', the February 6-9 event was participated by hundreds of students from nine SUCs who will compete with more than 15 events, including the much-anticipated Mr. and Ms.

PASUC V.

Echoing the theme, CNCS President Dr. Marlo M. De La Cruz said 'let us move as one SUCs for the betterment of the Bicol region.'

Noting the importance of the event, Dr. Baby Boy Benjamin D. Nebres III, Bicol University president and PASUC Culture and Arts national chair for technical management, stressed how this weeklong activity shapes the holistic development of an individual.

"Integrating arts into education not only enriches student's learning experience but also nurtures them to become well-rounded individuals," Dr. Nebres said.

Joining the official opening, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) Culture and Arts Director Francis Tatel presented the university's contingent comprised of 46 participants, which he described as the 'smallest', but undaunted delegation.'

The largest delegation announced was the Camarines Sur Polytechnic Colleges (CSPC) with 120 participants, and followed by Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA)



REGIONAL ARTS EVENT. The Catanduanes State University's Mr. and Ms. PASUC lead their delegation in an energetic dance at the regional culture and arts opening ceremony, uniting with fellow delegates from across the Bicol region.

with 112 participants.

Other participating schools were the Bicol State College of Applied Science and Technology (70 participants), Bicol University (76 participants), Camarines Norte State College (79 participants), Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology (71 participants), Partido State University (68 participants), and Sorsogon State University (92 participants).

Right after the opening ceremony, the participants proceeded to the CNCS covered court and witnessed the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement among the nine SUCs in Bicol on Instruction, Research, and Extension.

CatSU seminar explores climate change interconnection: Insights from Balik-Scientist Awardee Dr. Deborah Tangunan

Angelie Ann Z. Delantar and Anjo G. Tugay

Catanduanes State University (CatSU) was the center of knowledge exchange and collaboration as it hosted a seminar on "Climate, Humans, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change" on February 6 at the CatSU auditorium.

Spearheaded by the CatSU

Center for Island Climate Change Solutions (CICCS) and its Director Engr. Dexter M. Toyado, in coordination with Balik-Scientist Awardee, Dr. Deborah N. Tangunan, the event drew significant interest from over 500 students and faculty of the university, representing

the College of Science, College of Agriculture and Fisheries, and College of Engineering and Architecture.

The seminar aimed to shed light on the intricate relationship between climate change and human activities, with a focus on the findings

and recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Dr. Tangunan, a distinguished recipient of the Balik-Scientist Award from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), served as the keynote speaker,

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Abaca breakthroughs in Catanduanes

CatSU, DOST-NRCP lead 5-day seminar-workshop initiative for abaca niche centers

Mack Neil T. Vital and Anjo G. Tugay

The Catanduanes State University-Abaca Technology Innovation Center (ATIC), in collaboration with CatSU Research and Development Services (RDS), partners with DOST-National Research Council of the Philippines (RD Lead Fire Project) and the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority for a 5-day Seminar-Workshop, focusing on crafting proposals for Abaca Niche Centers in the region (NICER) and hands-on technology transfer for abaca good agricultural practices.

Over 70 student-researchers and faculty members from the Main and Panganiban campuses of CatSU joined and gained insights during the first day of their seminar-workshop, February 5 at the E-Crown Hotel and Resort.

With the theme "Sustainable and Continuous RD & E Activities and Technologies for a Resilient Future of the Abaca Industry" Vice President for Research, Extension, and Production Affairs (VP-REPA) Dr. Rosana S. Abundo extended her gratitude to DOST-NRCP for granting and approving the request of CatSU to become one of their host institutions.

"We need more collaborations, assistance, and expertise from other agencies to provide us inputs in strengthening our research capabilities," the Vice President said.

Emphasizing the crucial role of research and sciences, CatSU President Dr. Patrick

Alain T. Azanza stressed that understanding how things work is crucial.

"In everything we undertake, research holds great importance. Science is equally crucial as it guides us in making advancements," said the President, who values the abaca industry of the island from the grassroots, further emphasizing the importance of research and the role of science in reaching out to the grassroots.

Meanwhile, the Executive Director of the National Research Council of the Philippines, Dr. Bernardo N. Sepeda shared his insights about the unique varieties of Abaca in the Bicol region.

"Isa sa pinakamagandang biyaya ng maykapal sa Bicol ay ang Abaca dahil marami tayong variety ng Abaca na dito lamang tumutubo, dito lang yumayabong nang sagana at maganda," he explained.

Present also in the activity were NRCP Project Senior Technical Specialist Mr. Marfy H. Lita, together with Ms. Rizza L. Canon and Ms. Maradika Y. Ramos, Provincial DOST Director Gram Molina, Provincial Fiber Officer Mr. Roberto B. Lusuegro, Provincial Administrator Eulalia Talaran, as well as other CatSU officials.

In the afternoon session, Career Scientist and RD Leader Dr. Leny C. Galvez concluded the first-day seminar workshop with an understanding of the



NICER RESEARCH PROPOSAL WRITING. Delving into the intricacies of abaca research proposal writing, the Catanduanes State University students, alongside DOST-NRC, actively engage in the 5-day seminar-workshop.

basics of proposal writing such as introduction to proposal writing, identifying funding opportunities, the importance of needs assessment and problem statement, and the literature review and identifying the gaps.

The five-day event is spearheaded by the CatSU- Abaca Technology Innovation Center led by its director, Assistant Professor Abelisa Evangelista, which will run from February 5-9.

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V, shared the various adversities in teaching, including the 'low salary', but these would 'blurred' out with the teachers' commitment and determination to educate the future generation.

"I have understood that teaching entails a lot of sacrifices, the distance that makes you apart from your family, the difficulty in traveling, which will take you a day to reach the place, the low salary you have to budget, let both ends meet, 'yong paglalakad

sa baha, 'yong paggising nang maaga, and a lot more. But again, commitment and strong determination blurred all of these," she stressed.

Describing the pre-service teachers as 'bearers of knowledge', the superintendent

also believed that they are 'now prepared to become a teacher committed to solving the sins of learning for every child, and light that will illuminate the dark world through teaching and learning.'

Panganiban Campus students, employees can now enjoy free wifi, videoke while traveling with their newest bus

Mack Neil T. Vital and Albert G. Clemente

Students, faculty, and employees from Panganiban Campus can now experience a smoother and more convenient travel journey with the turnover of one (1) unit of the Catanduanes State University's (CatSU) four (4) newly acquired buses, led by SUC President III Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza on Monday, February 19.

Like a deluxe and first-class service bus, each of the four newest buses is equipped with a comfort room, wifi access, videoke, and sound system.

The new bus, according to the university president, will be providing free transportation service for both CatSU students

and employees to and from key locations on two campuses: Virac and Panganiban.

It will also be available for special events and activities off campus like participating in regional and national events, enhancing the university's commitment to providing a safe, and comfortable transportation system.

It can be noted that the university's newest buses were deployed for the first time to transport students, faculty, and staff off the province during the Regional Culture and Arts Festival from February 5-10, at Daet, Camarines Norte.



NEW SERVICE BUS. Before it begins its service to the faculty and students, the latest addition to the Catanduanes State University - Panganiban Campus' fleet stands proudly at the heart of the campus after the turn over ceremony.

CBA highlights food, fashion entrepreneurial activities at annual trade fair

Albert G. Clemente

As part of the college's week-long celebrations, the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) showcased its students' entrepreneurial ventures and products from food to clothing for this year's Trade Fair, which runs from February 21-23.

Impressed by the creativity

and dedication of CBA students, University President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza had a quick visit to meet the student entrepreneurs and purchase some of their products, showing the university president's support for fostering an entrepreneurial spirit on campus.

With ten participating booths, the Trade Fair featured a wide range of products, including innovative crafts, cosmetics, fashion, and more. The event not only provided students with a platform to showcase their products but also allowed them to gain valuable experience

in marketing, sales, and entrepreneurship.

Other highlights of the weeklong celebration are essay writing, quiz bees, sports, and pageants.



CBA CELEBRATES TRADE FAIR 2024. Booths were lining up in front of CBA building during the trade fair Dr. Patrick Alin T. Azanza (right photo) selects an item to one of the booths, being entertained by the student-business owners.

Understanding the ups, downs of cyberspace: DICT holds cybersecurity seminar at CatSU

Albert G. Clemente

To raise awareness of the dual nature of cyberspace, the Department of Information and Communications Technology – Catanduanes Provincial Office, in collaboration with the Catanduanes State University, organized a one-day seminar on cybersecurity participated by students, February 8 at the Accreditation Room.

Attendees coming from the College of Information and Communications Technology (CICT), College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA), and Calatagan High School, were encouraged during the seminar to protect their personal information, and sensitive data from the threat of possible cyberattacks.

DICT official, Christopher

Turado, who served as the resource speaker, implored the students to actively practice cyber security measures to avert cybercrimes, data breaches, identity theft, and other malicious activities.

“Data is the most expensive commodity, and cybersecurity is everybody’s responsibility,” he said.

Emphasizing the dual nature of cyberspace, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza gave the students concrete examples of how cyberspace provides satisfaction and destruction to humans.

He recounted how ‘Zagana’, an online application, helped his friend to deliver fresh produce during the pandemic,



CYBERSECURITY SEMINAR. DICT speaker, Christopher Turado, engages with the participants.

and narrated an incident where a student filmed a professor without consent, leading to legal consequences under cybercrime laws.

Thus, Dr. Azanza encouraged the students to be mindful of their digital actions and footprints.

CatSU Political Science students join first Bicol Political Science Consortium in Naga City

via College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Thirty-nine students of the CatSU Political Science Society (CPSS) a sub-organization under the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS) Department of Social Sciences, are currently attending the PAGTITIPON KAN PANANAW: 1st Bicol Political Science Consortium with the theme: PAGKASARO SA KAUGMAON: Pag-ataman kan mga Ideya, Paganan kan Progreso sa Bicol (Unity in the Future: Nurturing Ideas, Harvesting Progress in Bicol) on February 17-18, 2024, at the Ateneo de Naga University, Naga City, Camarines Sur.

The CatSU PSS delegation is composed of first year to fourth year BA Political Science (BAPOS) students and joined by the BAPOS Program Adviser, Ms. Kristine Anne T. Razal and CHUMSS Faculty, Prof. Josephine V. Torrente.

Being a member of the Bicol Coalition of Political Science students, the CatSU PSS officers and members, headed by the PSS student-president, Mark John B. Tayamora (3rd Year) and PSS faculty adviser, Santos G. Sorra Jr., pushed in joining the consortium bringing a huge number of students as the organization aims to get the 2nd hosting of this regional event next year.

In addition, Richard Abenir and his 4th year thesis group, will be presenting their research paper entitled, “The Catanduanes Press: Its Challenges and Impact on Local Politics.”

The two-day event aims to recognize the pivotal role of Political Science in shaping the future leaders and policymakers of the nation. It also recognizes the importance of fostering academic collaboration, dialogue,



SHAPING THE FUTURE POLICYMAKERS. Political Science students pose for a group photo on stage alongside their faculty.

and camaraderie among Political Science students.

Earlier, the students and adviser-mentors met with CatSU President, Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, to personally extend their thanks and appreciation for allowing them, the Political Science students specially to

participate in student’s congress and gatherings such as this Colloquium.

“This is a good opportunity to showcase your talent and skills out there, fly high like an eagle and explore the learnings waiting for you,” Dr. Azanza said.

Magical moments during the CatSU-Lab School's JS Prom and ball

Mack Neil T. Vital

The Catanduanes State University Laboratory Schools (CatSU Lab) held its Junior and Senior Promenade and Ball with the theme 'Refining the traditions of excellence, embracing a culture of dignity and beauty', on Monday, February 13, at CatSU Gymnasium.

Head Teacher and SHS Coordinator Asst. Professor Joerandy C. Tablizo, expressed his heartwarming message to over 100 junior and senior students.

"Soiree, a night of splendor, serves as a reminder that each of you is a shining star contributing to the brilliance that makes our school community extraordinary. So, seize the night and embrace the friendships that you've shared within this community," he exclaimed.

Joining the event, COED Department Chairperson Eric V. Evangelista accentuated the significance of 'respect' in appreciating one's beauty.

"As we are crafting our dignity and beauty, we should respect one another and recognize the inherent worth of everyone because beauty is not just in aesthetics but it's in the congruence of collaborating with one another," he told the

laborarian attendees.

Sharing similar sentiments from an alumnus and public servant, Virac Municipal Councilor, Hon. Xyrell T. Albaniel spoke about a person's dignity both in words and actions.

"We must embrace dignity because dignity is about how we treat ourselves and others, how we respect and treat others with kindness. Dignity is also about empathy and standing up for what is right even when it's not easy. Dignity is all about recognizing our worth both in words and actions," he stressed.

Prof. Ditas T. Manlangit, Principal of CatSU Laboratory Schools, applauded the dedication and perseverance of the Juniors and Seniors, including their parents, for reaching this milestone.

"Promenade is not just a night of celebration but a symbol of our growth, resilience, and the friendship we had forged along the way. Let us carry the memories of this promenade in our hearts and may these experiences we have shared serve as a constant reminder of the beauty and magic that exists within each one of us," the principal said.



GLAM AND GRANDIOSITY. All dressed up in their elegant and dashing looks, Catanduanes State University Laboratory Schools' junior and senior students shine at sought-after JS Prom 2024.



'Your attitude will determine your altitude' Dr. Azanza inspires CHUMMS students in pre-internship seminar

Anjo G. Tugay and Angelie Ann Z. Delantar

Emphasizing the crucial role of attitude in shaping one's success, SUC President III Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, echoed Zig Ziglar's quote, "Your attitude will determine your altitude" to incoming student interns from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUMSS) during a Pre-Internship Seminar held at the Catanduanes State University (CatSU) auditorium, January 31, 2024.

Ms. Julienne Christine B. Tolentino, Senior Human Resource Specialist of the Civil Service Commission - Catanduanes Field Office, pinned on similar sentiments highlighting the importance of working with passion and giving one's hundred percent, providing a foundation for success in the professional

world.

"When it comes to working, it is important to work with passion, and always give your hundred percent," Tolentino said, further urging students to uphold professionalism, follow a strong work ethic, and be mindful of workplace etiquette.

The seminar, attended by students from BA Political Science, BS Economics, and Bachelor in Public Administration, aimed to prepare them for their off-campus internships.

Led by Dr. Jimmylen Z. Tonio (Dean of CHUMSS), Prof. Josephine V. Torrente (GAD College Coordinator), Dr. Rommel R. Regala (Chairperson, Social Science Department), and respective Internship Coordinators, the event focused

on creating safe spaces for future professionals, promoting work ethics, values, and addressing sexual harassment in the workplace.

The seminar also featured Atty. Jozem Niño I. Morales, who provided insights into the Sexual Harassment and Safe Spaces Act, offering practical advice on addressing workplace harassment within the legal framework.



INTERNSHIP JOURNEY. Eager College of Humanities and Social Sciences students attentively absorb insights from the pre-service seminar speaker, shaping their path before embarking on practical training.





Additional to many 'firsts': Infirmery set to open soon at CatSU

Albert G. Clemente

In addition to the university's many firsts for the past three years, Catanduanes State University (CatSU) has unveiled its plan to open an infirmery inside the campus, marking a significant milestone in CatSU's commitment to providing quality healthcare services to its students, faculty, and staff.

The said plan was announced by CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza on his social media page on February 6, who highlighted the importance of the infirmery in enhancing the overall well-being and safety of the university community.

Based on the floor plan provided by Planning Development Services, the facility has a capacity of 14

beds in total: five (5) beds inside a ward/labor room, two (2) beds in the delivery room, another two (2) beds in the recovery room, one (1) bed intended for the dental clinic, one (1) bed in the medical/consultation room, two (2) beds in the treatment area, and one (1) bed in the wound dressing area.

"Saro na namang proyekto ini para sa pag-alaga nin kalusugan kan mga taga-CatSU," the president said.

Dr. Azanza underscored that the establishment of the health facility is in line with CatSU's mission to prioritize the health and welfare of its constituents.

The infirmery project is seen as a complementary initiative to the recently approved mobile clinic by the Board of Regents.

In this strategic move, CatSU plans to broaden the range of healthcare services and ensure all members of the community have access to medical assistance.

Located behind the university hostel as part of the Health Sciences complex, the new health facility will house the Medical and Dental Services, which is set to be relocated from the university main building.

In unveiling the infirmery plans, CatSU lays the foundation for the future expansion of its academic program.

According to Dr. Azanza, the establishment of the infirmery is a significant milestone in the university's endeavor to open a College of Medicine.

With this remarkable effort, CatSU demonstrates its commitment to advancing healthcare education and training future generations of healthcare professionals.



UNDER RENOVATION. This building behind university hotel is undergoing renovation as this will transform into infirmery, which will also host the medical and dental office.

CatSU distributes P27k educational grant to 103 ACEF-GIAHEP grantees at Panganiban Campus

Mack Neil T. Vital

On Monday, February 19, the Catanduanes State University released a financial subsidy to 103 students of Panganiban campus amounting to P27,000 each for two semesters under the Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund-Grants-In-Aid for Higher Education Program (ACEF-GIAHEP).

CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza led the cash aid distribution, urging the recipients to inform and share this blessing with their parents for proper guidance.

"Italam nita tabi sa magurang na naka resibi kita ning educational assistance. Gamiton ta tabi sa tama, pwede pang makatabang sa mga tugang niyo buda siguradong dakulang kaugmahan uni ning magurang buda an magurang maga-guide kamo," he said.

For fourth-year agriculture student, James Fernandez, the educational assistance would be a great aid for his preparation for the upcoming licensure examination after graduation.

"Dakurong tabang to, lalo na kung ma take ako ning board exam, pwedeng starting sa pag-apon sa pambayad sa review center, o pambakar ning laptop para makareview po ako ning turtur," he explained.

For another recipient, Jonalyn Rinion, the scholarship subsidy was an opportunity to extend help to her family by sharing it with their daily expenses.

"Dakurong tabang ang 27k po dahil magagamit na ning dawha ko pang pugto na gasabayan sa pag-adar lalo na graduating na din, buda makapag share man ako kila mama buda papa ning mga kaipo



DISBURSEMENT. Student from Panganiban Campus fills out his personal details on a sheet as part of payout procedures.

bakaron sa baray."

During the subsidy distribution, the university president was accompanied by Office of Student Scholarship, Financial Assistance, Career

Development and Placement Services (OSSFACDPS) Director Dr. Gemma M. Samas, together with Panganiban Campus Director Dr. Ramon F. Samonte.

Five CatSU students to participate in an Indonesian Short Online Program

via CatSU CIRPDS

In pursuit of continuously strengthening the internationalization efforts of the Catanduanes State University, the following students: Carlo Beo (CIT - RLBSIT - Food Technology); John L. Tacorda, Jr. (CHS - BS Nursing); Mheama Triz L. Evangelista (CatSU Panganiban); Jhunniemae C. Limbaga (COED - Bachelor in Culture & Arts education); and Joshua D. Tabinas (CBS - BSBA - Human Resources management), successfully made it into the roster of participants who will attend the CommTECH Nusantara 2024 Virtual Exploration of Indonesia: "Ramadhan Edition" on March 25 - April 5, 2024 organized by the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh (ITS) Nopember Surabaya, Indonesia.

The CommTECH Nusantara is a short program aimed to introduce the Indonesian cultures to participants from all over the world. It focuses more on art and culture-related activities through a virtual event which will explore the rich values and cultures of various regions of Indonesia especially some activities during Ramadhan.

A project competition will also take place during the program where teams will develop a video or poster that captures the Indonesian values and cultures introduced in the CommTECH Nusantara 2024 program. Participants will have the opportunity to present their creations on a Virtual Project Exhibition.



ROAD TO INTERNATIONALIZATION. CIT Food Tech student, Carlo Beo, is among the five participants to Indonesian Short Online Program.



FOR SOCIETAL CHANGE. Volunteer doctors, nurses, employees, and students support the beneficiaries of the Padagos na Patanos Movement in Barangay San Vicente and Barangay Ibong Sapa, Virac, by providing medical missions, the EduKain Feeding Program, and basketball clinics.



BROTHERHOOD FOR MOTHER NATURE. CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza, together with the TAU GAMMA CATSU CHAPTER, holds a clean-up drive at the Catanduanes State University Main Campus.



TREE-GROWING INITIATIVES. CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza joins a tree planting activity, organized by the Catanduanes Clean and Green Movement (CCGM) in Barangay Antipolo, Virac, Catanduanes.



THE 'BOSSINGS' WITH THE PRESIDENT. CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza applauds CatSU students Frank Daniel Dy, Jean Rose Vargas, Delbert Sebastian Jr., and Angelo Socito, the young entrepreneurs from the College of Agriculture and Fisheries, for creating a unique Oragon-style chili garlic sauce.



VALENTINE'S DAY EDUKAIN MOBILE CART. Students and employees of the Catanduanes State University Main Campus, pose while enjoying their porridge and malunggay cookies on Valentine's Day.



FEATURED PHOTOS

CatSU's first medal in 2024 cultural fest: Flores, CIT artist, bags silver in painting

Albert G. Clemente

College of Industrial Technology (CIT) student and artist Oliver Flores, coached by Sir Aris Manlangit, has won the Catanduanes State University's first silver medal in the 2024 Regional Culture and the Arts Fest at Daet, Camarines Norte on

Wednesday morning, February 7. The given subject in the competition is a miniature 15-foot-tall stone pylon on top of a base covered with red cloth, beside anahaw leaf and a plant.

In fact, the stone pylon is one of the symbols of Camarines

Norte, since this is the first-ever built memorial marker for Dr. Jose Rizal in the country.

The awarding ceremony will be held on Friday, February 9.



BRUSHING UP: With his deliberate stroke and perfect blending of hues and shades, Oliver T. Flores, a College of Industrial Technology student, transforms his canvas into a masterpiece and notches second place during the Regional Culture and Arts competition.

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sharing her expertise and insights on the subject matter.

In her talk, Dr. Tangunan emphasized the impact of climate change on human life, citing examples such as increased flooding and the necessity for agricultural adaptations during planting and harvesting seasons, and also discussion on the Earth's climate, its current trajectory, and the potential implications for future generations, pinning on the urgency of addressing climate-related challenges.

Meanwhile, on the topic "Climate and Marine Biodiversity," College of

Science faculty, Mr. Aljon Francis Koji P. Elegado, discussed how climate change affects marine life and ecosystems. He also shared how marine ecosystems offer solutions and processes to adapt to climate change.

Expressing his gratitude, CatSU President Dr. Patrick Alain T. Azanza thanked Dr. Tangunan for selecting CatSU as the host institution for her tenure in Catanduanes. He then articulated the university's aspiration to be recognized in the World University Rankings, emphasizing the importance of collaborations such as this to achieve that goal.

"We aim to be included in the World University Rankings, so collaborating with Dr. Tangunan

and the DOST Balik-Scientist Awardee Program, we hope that we can be able to achieve that," the President said.

Committed to advancing research and education initiatives that contribute to addressing pressing environmental concerns, CatSU is eagerly anticipating more avenues for knowledge dissemination, dialogue, and raising awareness on climate change within local communities during Dr. Tangunan's tenure at CatSU.



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